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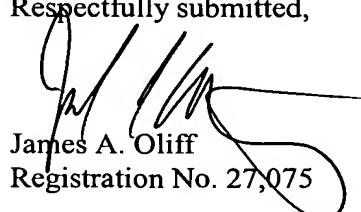
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- ☒ 3. A concise explanation of the relevance of non-English language reference Nos. 1 and 2 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of non-English language reference Nos. 1 and 2 are attached hereto.

- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1 and 2.

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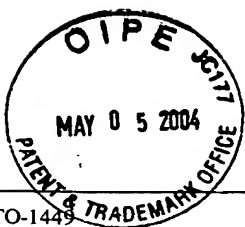
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APPENDIX

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The following is a List of References provided by the Applicant. Please file an Information Disclosure Statement using this information.

Document Number	Publication Date	Brief Explanation or Page(s) & Line(s) of Related Part(s)
Japanese Unexamined Patent No. 2002-206411	July 26, '02	An oil pan cover 21 positioned on the outer surface of an oil pan 16 and provided at a lower part of a vehicle engine is disclosed. The oil pan cover 21 has a rigid cover body 22, having a corresponding inner surface profile corresponding to an outer surface profile of the oil pan 16, and a foam material 23 formed integrally with the cover body 22 on the inner surface of the cover body 22 facing the oil pan 16. An opening part 22a is formed in the cover body 22, and the opening part 22a is sealed with a waterproof resin sheet 24 so as to cover the foam material 23 exposed from the opening part 22a.
Japanese Unexamined	Jan. 27, '95	An oil pan 1 is made of a first layer 2 and a second layer 3.

<p>Patent No. 07-27016</p>		<p>The second layer 3 is provided integrally on an outer surface of the first layer 2, without lying upon the flange part 2a of the first layer 1. The first layer 2 is made of fiber-reinforced resin, and the second layer 3 is made of dicyclopentadiene resin. The oil pan 1 is manufactured by the first layer 2 being press-molded or injection-molded and then the second layer 3 being injection-molded on the outer surface of the first layer 2.</p>
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